

Libby
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Assessment

Fw: OMB Briefing on LIBBY

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Subject: RE: OMB Briefing on LIBBY
Bob,

We have received the noncancer document from R8 and ORD staff are working to merge the 2 documents and get the draft assessment into interagency review by early next week. Is this acceptable to everyone?

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Understood, Jim, but we need to keep the wheels turning next week because OMB will almost certainly be chomping at the bit to start interagency review.

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Bob - if the decision is to combine the docs we can make that work. There are pluses and minuses both ways. But most of our team are in Libby for the week so closure on noncancer numbers will have to be next week. I think some key ORD will be in Libby this week too.

Thanks
Jim

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Thanks to all.

I want to make sure that ORD (Becki Clark) and OSWER (Betsy Southerland) are taking the lead on the OMB briefing and will be contacting Dom Mancini of OIRA first thing in the morning to schedule. Please confirm.

It looks like we're also briefing the Tester and Baucus offices at 5:00 pm tomorrow. ORD and OSWER should be prepared to walk through the draft toxicity assessments, exposure scenarios and rollout plan for Senate staff. I'll be there along with Arvin. We shouldn't present any documents that could preempt the Tuesday rollout.

From the various e-mails over the weekend, it appears that the cancer assessment is ready for interagency review but there remain some aspects of the report on non-cancer effects that are unresolved. (It appears that these issues don't impact the RfC and therefore shouldn't affect the Tuesday presentation.)

I think we all agree that both assessment should be combined for purposes of interagency review and therefore the non-cancer assessment needs to be completed as soon as possible. While this will be a very busy week, I strongly urge that R8 (with RD's help) complete the non-cancer assessment in the next 3-4 days. I am sure that, after tomorrow's briefing, OMB will want to start interagency review immediately and we should be responsive.

Thanks -- and good luck to everyone over the next few days.

Lisa Feldt	I have been told we are oaky with materials. Lis...	04/30/2011 05:23:47 PM
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Looping in ou folks about potential OMB brief on Monday. OSWER recommends that interagency be done on both simultaneously which we thought was the plan. Also if intragency is not complete on Rfc then I believe the materials for next week may need to be checked as I believe we indicated that we were done with intragency review on both. The strategy throughout has been to discuss this interim numbers but to make sure that at least within Agency, the review had been complete. Lisa

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I will email Becki Clark now, as I will be in Boston Monday.

Fyi, while I believe the cancer health assessment is ready for interagency review, the non-cancer is not, plus we are awaiting a decision on whether we should combine the two assessments before interagency review or not.

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Last week, the Administrator provided a senior group at the WH with a heads-up on our Libby plans and they agreed that we could proceed. Seth and Betsaida have also been briefing their WH counterparts on our rollout strategy since Wednesday. Today I was contacted by Michael Fitzpatrick at OIRA. After some discussion, he understood our reasons for departing from the IRIS process in these unique circumstances and appreciated that we are geared up to begin the rollout tomorrow and cannot change our plans. He also recognizes that the Administrator had already received the green light to move forward.

Nonetheless, he asked whether we could provide an informational briefing to the OIRA career staff on Monday. We would like to accommodate this request. Therefore, I'm asking Kevin and Lisa to put together an OSWER/ORD team to conduct this briefing.

The briefing would strictly be about the draft IRIS assessment and how we plan to present it on Tuesday to the community. We would not entertain discussion of whether the risk estimates should be presented and would not be in a position to accept recommendations on how we will present them.

Any such requests would have to be funnelled back through the OIRA political management to me.

Could Lisa and/or Kevin make contact with Dom Mancini at OIRA first thing Monday to arrange the logistics? I would not plan to attend the briefing and don't believe either of you should attend, providing we have a good career team to do the briefing itself.

Could one of you confirm to the group over the weekend that you will take responsibility for next steps?
Thanks.

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